Implementation of the scheme of smokeless chullahs in U.P.

2639. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme of improved smokeless chullahs has been extended to and implemented in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, how much population of the State has been covered by the above scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that requests have been made from certain quarters in the State for the speedy implementation of the scheme in their areas;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have received representations against the indifferent attitude of the local officials responsible for implementing the scheme; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) National Project on Improved Chullhas is being implemented in all States of India including Uttar Pradesh. The nodal/implementing agencies for this programme in Uttar Pradesh are the State Department of Rural Development and Non-Conventional Energy Development Agency of the State. These State agencies allocate targets to various districts.

(b) By September 1986, 2,10,752 houses have been provided improved chullhas in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Some requests have been received from individuals/agencies in Uttar Pradesh for coverage of certain areas of the State. The State Government and its nodal agency were requested to do the needful.

(d) No specific complaint against the officials of the State has been received so far.

(e) Does not arise.

DESU General Manager's visit abroad

2640. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the General Manager of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking belongs to Indian Administrative Service cadre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that General Manager Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking paid visits abroad couple of times in connection with the installation of gas turbines;

(c) if so, what is the total expenditure incurred on these visits;

(d) the reasons for selecting a non-technical person for an exclusively technical matter;

(e) whether Government are considering elimination of wastage of money in this regard in future; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The General Manager, Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking accompanied by the Superintending Engineer, in charge of the Gas Turbine Project visited France only once in August, 1985 in connection with the finalisation of the contract documents of Gas Turbines with M/s. Alsthom.

(c) Approximately Rs. 36,000 were spent in connection with the visit of the General Manager, DESU.

(d) The visit of the General Manager along with the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Gas Turbine Project to

France was to discuss and finalise various commercial and technical details and to see the manufacturing capability of the party.

(e) and (f) The visit abroad are undertaken only when it is essential and in the public interest.

Government companies under Companies Act

3641. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the companies which are 'deemed government companies' under Section 619(B) of the Companies Act of 1956;

(b) how many companies have submitted their accounts for auditing to the Comptroller & Auditor General of India; and

(c) what action has been taken by Central Government against such companies which have not submitted their accounts to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) As per information available with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, there were 96 companies under section 619B of the Companies Act as on 31-3-1985. The names of these companies are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 100].

Of these, till 31-10-1986, 61 companies had submitted their accounts upto 1984-85.

Under Section 619 (3) of the Companies Act, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is empowered to require the companies to furnish information for purpose of a supplementary or test audit.

Import of Penicillin-G

2642. SHRI M. P. KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make a change in the duty on the import of Penicillin-G with immediate effect so as to make it available to the common man of the country;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Potassium Penicillin G/V 1st Crystals which are imported for the production of inter-mediates like 6-Amino Penicillinic Acid are already levied nil rate of customs duty.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to part (a), do not arise.

Suggestion by Planning Commission to close some sick Public Sectors

2643. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested to his Ministry for the closure of some of the sick Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, what are these sick units;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission has also suggested some measure to protect the indigenous capital goods industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) No